

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
DETROIT DIVISION**

DONG KIM,

Plaintiff,

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

V.

CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.,

Defendant.

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DONG KIM (Plaintiff), by his attorney, alleges the following against

CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., (Defendant):

INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of himself individually seeking damages and any other available legal or equitable remedies resulting from the illegal actions of Defendant, in negligently, knowingly, and/or willfully contacting Plaintiff on Plaintiff's cellular telephone in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (hereinafter "TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227 *et seq.*

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3). See, *Mims v. Arrow Financial Services, LLC*, 132 S.Ct. 740 (2012), holding that federal and state courts have concurrent jurisdiction over private suits arising under the TCPA.

3. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1391(b) because Plaintiff resides within this District and a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the herein claims occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated within this District.

PARTIES

4. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Oakland County, in the city of South Lyon, Michigan.
5. Defendant is a corporation doing business in the State of Michigan.
6. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendant has acted through its agents employees, officers, members, directors, heir, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives and insurers.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

7. Defendant placed collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and attempting to collect on alleged debts incurred through purchases made on credit issued by Defendant.
8. Defendant placed collection calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone at phone number (517) 231-16XX.
9. Defendant placed collection calls to Plaintiff from phone numbers including, but not limited to (800) 955-6600.

1 10. Per its prior business practices, Defendant's calls were placed with an
2 automated telephone dialing system ("auto-dialer").

3 11. Defendant used an "automatic telephone dialing system", as defined by 47
4 U.S.C. § 227(a) (1) to place its telephone calls to Plaintiff seeking to collect
5 a consumer debt allegedly owed by Plaintiff, KIM DONG.
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7 12. Defendant's calls constituted calls that were not for emergency purposes as
8 defined by 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A).
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10 13. Defendant never received Plaintiff's "prior express consent" to receive calls
11 using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded
12 voice on his cellular telephone pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A).
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14 14. On or about October 6, 2017, Plaintiff called into Defendant's company at
15 phone number (800) 955-6600 and spoke with Defendant's female
16 representative and requested that Defendant cease calling Plaintiff's cellular
17 phone.
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19 15. During the conversation on October 6, 2017, Plaintiff gave Defendant's
20 representative both his date of birth and social security number to assist
21 Defendant in accessing his account before asking Defendant to stop calling
22 his cell phone.
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24 16. Plaintiff revoked any consent, explicit, implied, or otherwise, to call his
25 cellular telephone and/or to receive Defendant's calls using an automatic
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1 telephone dialing system in his conversation with Defendant's representative
2 on October 6, 2017.

3 17. Despite Plaintiff's request to cease, Defendant placed another collection call
4 to Plaintiff on October 10, 2017.

5 18. Defendant continued to place collection calls to Plaintiff.

6 19. Despite Plaintiff's request that Defendant cease placing automated collection
7 calls, Defendant placed at least one hundred and fifty-six (156) automated
8 calls to Plaintiff's cell phone.

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10 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**
NEGLIGENT VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER
PROTECTION ACT
47 U.S.C. § 227

11 20. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference into this cause of action the
12 allegations set forth above at Paragraphs 1-19.

13 21. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant constitute numerous and
14 multiple negligent violations of the TCPA, including but not limited to each
15 and every one of the above cited provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

16 22. As a result of Defendant's negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.,
17 Plaintiff is entitled to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages, for each and
18 every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3)(B).

1 23. Plaintiff is also entitled to seek injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in
2 the future.

3 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
4 **KNOWING AND/OR WILLFUL VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE**
5 **CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**
6 **47 U.S.C. § 227 et. seq.**

7 24. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference into this cause of action the
8 allegations set forth above at Paragraphs 1-19.

9 25. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant constitute numerous and
10 multiple knowing and/or willful violations of the TCPA, including but not
11 limited to each and every one of the above cited provisions of 47 U.S.C. §
12 227 et seq.

13 26. As a result of Defendant's knowing and/or willful violations of 47 U.S.C. §
14 227 et seq., Plaintiff is entitled an award of \$1,500.00 in statutory damages,
15 for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47
16 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).

17 27. Plaintiff is also entitled to seek injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in
18 the future.

19 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, DONG KIM, respectfully requests judgment be
20 entered against Defendant, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., for the
21 following:
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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

28. For statutory damages of \$500.00 multiplied by the number of negligent violations of the TCPA alleged herein (156): \$78,000.00;

29. Actual damages and compensatory damages according to proof at time of trial;

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

30. For statutory damages of \$1,500.00 multiplied by the number of knowing and/or willful violations of TCPA alleged herein (156): \$234,000.00:

31. Actual damages and compensatory damages according to proof at time of trial;

ON ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

32. Actual damages and compensatory damages according to proof at time of trial;

33. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees; and

34. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

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JURY TRIAL DEMAND

35. Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DATED: April 26, 2018

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